



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

**MINUTES**

March 20-21, 1980  
Washington, D.C.

**Members Present**

Helmut Alpers; Robert W. Burns, Jr.; Carlos A. Cuadra; Joan A. Gross; Clara S. Jones; Marian P. Leith; Bessie B. Moore; Frances H. Naftalin; Philip A. Sprague; Horace E. Tate; Margaret Warden; Mildred E. Younger; and Charles Benton, Presiding

**Staff Present**

Alphonse F. Trezza; Douglas S. Price; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Ruth L. Tighe; Ruby O. Woods-Robinson; Carl C. Thompson; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary

**WHCLIS Staff Present**

Marilyn Gell; Jerry Manolatos; Vera Hirschberg; Chuck Culhane; Kathleen Smith; Jean-Anne South; L. Heather Nicoll

**Guests/Observers Present**

Terry Fortunado, Scientific Information Notes; Anne M. Cillather, Association of Media Producers; Robert Frase, ANSC 239; Eileen Cooke, ALA Washington Office; F. H. Slowinski, Bureau of National Affairs; Jane Yerow, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Susan Roschwalb, Ruder and Finn; Bob Willard, Information Industry Association; Mary Lethbridge, Library of Congress; Frank Schick, National Center for Education Statistics; Carol Nemeyer, Library of Congress; Gretchen Cobbey, Access Reports; Gerlad J. Sophar, U.S. Department of Agriculture, SEA/TIS

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The Chairman asked the guests and observers to introduce themselves.

**Chairman Activity Report**

Since the last Commission meeting, the major events participated in by the Chairman were:

- (1) Attendance at the American Association of Library Schools (AALS) in Austin, Texas, where the videotape of the White House Conference was first presented in its draft form. The AALS is officially sponsoring a book on citizen information needs which is essentially organized around the five themes of the Conference. This will become a basic text book to be used in all library schools. "The meeting was a very good one, and the group was very impressive and dedicated," Mr. Benton said.

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- (2) Attended the Review Screening Committee meeting which made its suggestions for the revision of the videotape. "It was a good process, and it worked well," he said.
  - (3) Presented budget testimony before the Senate at the end of February. (Copies of the questions and answers of that hearing will be sent to all Members.)
  - (4) Met with the Deputy Secretary of Interior, Virginia Mathews, Mary Huffer, along with Bessie Moore and Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar, on follow-up to the resolution in support of library service for American Indians living on or near reservations.
  - (5) Attended the third in a series of meetings sponsored by ASIS of information community organization representatives. The meeting was co-chaired by Messrs. Burns and Sprague. In attendance were approximately 50 people representing 35 organizations.
  - (6) Participated in preparation of the Final Report of the White House Conference.
  - (7) Participated in the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Library and Postal Services held on March 10. A brief report of that meeting will be presented on Friday.
  - (8) Testified on March 10 before the House Appropriations Committee. Questions asked by the Committee were both thoughtful and specific.

Mrs. Moore and the Chairman plan to meet with Senator Pell and Congressman Ford on Friday afternoon. "We want to make sure that our friends in the Congress know what we have been doing and to discuss the march of events since the White House Conference. We want them to understand what is happening and give them a full understanding of the options before them so that they can make their own decisions with regard to the National Library and Information Services Act," Mr. Benton stated.

Several Commissioners stated that the suggested elements for a National Library and Information Services Act, included in the WHC Final Report Summary, are the product of the White House Conference resolutions and activities, and not necessarily representative of the Commission's policies or views.

It was agreed that the Commission needed to discuss in future meetings the implications of the proposed National Library and Information Services Act and to take a position.

#### Minutes

At the request of Mrs. Younger, the Minutes of the February 8 and 9, 1980, NCLIS meeting were corrected as follows:

Page 1, 5th line. should be changed to read:

The possibility of providing Secretary Hufstedler with maximum information which she needs to make decisions pertaining to the expressed desires of the library and information community was discussed.

Page 5, Fund Raising Report

The statement in the Minutes read:

- (1) "Recruit a full-time individual with sufficient fund-raising experience and intellectual skills to comprehend quickly the conference materials."

In order to clarify the above statement, Mrs. Younger offered the following wording:

The discussion of the implementation of point (1) centered around the concept that the individual to be recruited is to be funded by other than Commission budget. The impetus of the White House Conference fund-raising activities puts NCLIS in the best possible position to seek such outside funding for this immediate objective.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Robert Burns, Jr., seconded by Marian Leith, that the Minutes of the February 8-9, 1980, meeting be approved as corrected. Passed unanimously.

Logo Pins

Mrs. Reszetar reported that to date \$450.00 has been contributed by Members toward the purchase of logo pins (not including the offer of the Chairman to match up to \$1,000). Commissioners are urged to consider some contribution in the hope that all would participate in this activity.

Review of 1980 Meeting Dates

By general agreement, the Commission Members changed the May 22-23, 1980, meeting to June 5-6, 1980. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Members also agreed to relocate the December 11-12, 1980, meeting from San Francisco, California, to Washington, D.C.

The Members discussed the need for a retreat-type meeting. After discussion,

It was MOVED by Frances Naftalin, seconded by Robert Burns, Jr., that the Commission hold a "retreat" type meeting, July 17-19, 1980, for the purpose of analyzing the role, priorities, future directions, etc., of the National Commission. The meeting will be held at an appropriate location. Passed unanimously.

Some topics suggested for consideration for the retreat agenda include:

- (1) Where we are; where we are going. How we can best organize ourselves to proceed more effectively.
- (2) Policies and procedures for determining Commissioner assignments to Commission Committees and Task Forces.
- (3) Discussion of the resolutions and other ideas included in the Summary Report of the White House Conference.
- (4) The National Library and Information Services Act - both the version in the Summary Report and the revised Javits-Kennedy (Seymour) Bill.

It was further agreed that half of the NCLIS meetings scheduled for 1981 would be held on a Friday and Saturday, while the other half would be held on a Thursday and Friday.

#### White House Conference Summary Report

Ms. Gell thanked the Members on behalf of the White House Conference staff for their assistance in preparation of the Summary Report. The Final Report will go to the printer at the end of March and will be available during mid- to late-June.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Leith expressed concern over the definition of the National Commission as stated on page 11 of the Summary Report. Mrs. Jones asked, "Is the Commission not a research and planning agency? Isn't this our basic work?" The Chairman suggested that the definition needs to be read in conjunction with the next paragraph. Ms. Gell and Mrs. Hirschberg stated that every attempt was made to reflect a consensus of Commission viewpoints and ideas.

There was general agreement that the Commission needs to consider its position on not only the delegates' resolutions, but the other suggestions that are contained in the Summary Report.

In discussion of the proposed National Library and Information Services Act, as suggested in the Summary Report, Mrs. Naftalin expressed concern that there was no mention of state support or matching funds (page 55, B-7). Ms. Gell noted that this point was not reflected in the resolutions. As far as possible, the proposed Act only includes ideas contained in the resolutions. The Committee of the Conference met in January and reviewed the resolutions and determined the final wording based on all of the written and audio documentation.

There was considerable discussion regarding the appropriateness of including the "components of a national library act" in the WHC Final Report, on the lack of substantive discussion by the Commissioners on the National Library Act, and on the position of the Commission regarding the final report. No conclusions were reached.

### Commendations

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Philip Sprague, that the Commission express its deep appreciation to Marilyn Gall and the entire White House Conference staff for their dedicated effort in planning and implementing a highly successful national White House Conference on Library and Information Services. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Horace Tate, that whereas the success of the state and territorial conferences has contributed greatly to library support throughout the country and to the education of delegates to the White House Conference, the Commission commend Alphonse F. Trezza and staff members who worked on the organization of state conferences in cooperation with the State Library Agencies. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Mildred Younger, seconded by Bessie Moore, that the Commission commends the Chairman for his dedicated support and hard work which contributed to the successful White House Conference. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Horace Tate, seconded by Marian Leith, that the White House Conference Advisory Committee be commended for its contribution to the successful White House Conference. Passed unanimously.

### New Education Department

It was reported that, at present, it appears that the library functions within the Office of Education will be placed in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement within the new Education Department, rather than being set up under a separate Assistant Secretary, as was originally recommended by both the White House Conference delegates and the Commission, as well as most of the library and information science organizations. Indications are that it will be headed by a Deputy Assistant Secretary and will be called the Office of Libraries and Learning Technologies and have responsibility for two functions: library programs, and educational technology programs. It also appears that all library programs will be retained in one office in the new Education Department, i.e., the Office of Libraries and Learning Technologies.

Mrs. Warden stated that she had written a letter to Secretary Hufstedler urging the Assistant Secretary-level office and suggested that other Members do likewise. Mr. Benton thanked Mrs. Warden for her efforts in this regard.

Mrs. Reszetar was asked to arrange a meeting between Messrs. McCallister and Bakalis of the new Education Department and the Chairman to emphasize, again, the importance and necessity of keeping all library programs in one office.

### Publicity and Follow-Up Proposals

Ms. Susan Roschwalb, Ruder and Finn, discussed the status of the videotape entitled, "Bringing Information to People." After her presentation, it was:

MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, Jr., that the Commission take the following steps, as outlined by Helmut Alpers:

- (a) Include \$4,500 in the Commission's budget to cover the cost of conversion of the videotape, "Bringing Information to People" to film format.
- (b) Offer the film for sale at a per copy cost of \$90.00 or less.
- (c) Provide all Commissioners one copy of the videotape for their own use.
- (d) Delay/postpone decisions on pursuing satellite distribution pending fund-raising attempts by Marilyn Gell.

Further, it was agreed that five to six copies of the film version would be available at the Commission office for NCLIS Members' use. Passed unanimously.

### Ad Hoc Committee on Planning and Monitoring WHC Follow-Up Activities

Mr. Trezza reported that response from the states in selecting individuals to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Planning and Monitoring WHC Follow-Up Activities has been slow. COSLA will be meeting in April, and Mr. Trezza promised to talk to as many state agency heads as possible to urge them to submit the names of their states' representatives to the Ad Hoc Committee.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Frances Naftalin, seconded by Bessie Moore, that the Commission accept the invitation from the Minnesota Delegation to the White House Conference to hold the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Planning and Monitoring WHC Follow-Up Activities in Minneapolis on September 16 and 17, 1980. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the NCLIS meeting scheduled for September 18 and 19, 1980. Funding for attendance by the delegates will be borne by the states and territories, except that the Commission will assist the noncontiguous states and territories by paying the difference in air fares to the extent that the actual fare exceeds the average air fare for all contiguous states plus the standard deviation (measure of dispersion around the average). Passed unanimously.

The possibility of more creative ways of bringing people together in an interactive way--such as satellite conferencing--was suggested by Ms. Gell. Ms. Tighe explained that the Pacific Territories and the State of Hawaii have been holding meetings via satellite for the last three or more years. There is a possibility that the U.S. Postal Service may get involved in this area, and it was suggested that the Commission's Committee on Library and Postal Service make this an item for discussion at their next meeting.

#### ALA Legislative Day

Miss Eileen Cooke, Director of the American Library Association Washington Office, informed the Members that the Sixth Annual ALA Legislative Day will be held on April 15, 1980, in Washington, D.C., and urged the Members to participate.

#### Title 44

Miss Cooke reported that there is some doubt whether there will be any Senate action on Title 44 (National Publications Act) this year.

#### Party Platforms

Ms. Tighe suggested that the Commission might want to consider preparing a statement for possible inclusion in the Democratic and Republican Party Platforms. The Commission did take such an action in 1976. It was agreed that this should be explored, and Ms. Tighe was asked to prepare a suggested statement in the area of library and information services for submission to the Party Platform Committees. Ms. Tighe was also to check on the deadline so that the statements could be reviewed by the Commission in time for submission.

#### Friday, March 21, 1980

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

#### Task Force on the Role of the Special Library in a National Network Program

Commission Documents #80-22 and 22.1 which provide an update on this task force were distributed to Members. The purpose of the task force is to involve all segments of the library and information community in order to maximize the use of available resources in networking activity. To date, few networks or similar cooperative endeavors have included special libraries. It is, therefore, desirous to study and examine the potential involvement of special librarians and information managers in the total framework of networking. Further, it is necessary to determine the role of special libraries in the developing NCLIS national program. The task force will review the state of networking vis-a-vis special libraries and develop a position paper which will clarify, delineate, and describe the benefits and constraints which might be derived from the inclusion of special libraries in a national program of libraries and information science.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Marian Leith, seconded by Frances Naftalin, that the Commission establish a Task Force on the Role of the Special Library in a National Network Program. The Special Library Association will assume the responsibility for funding the cost of its members of the task force, and NCLIS will assume the responsibility for funding the cost of Commissioners and staff on the Task Force. Passed unanimously.

The Chairman stated that this is a very important task force and asked Commissioners to express their interest in serving. Mr. Trezza's leadership in this area was acknowledged.

Dr. Cuadra reminded Commissioners that information gained from attendance at various meetings, conferences, task forces, etc., should be shared, in writing, with the full Commission.

#### International Relations

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the first meeting of the International Relations Planning Group. Dr. Cuadra expressed some reservation about the wisdom of setting up a clearinghouse as it requires substantial funding. Some clearinghouse activity is already undertaken by the National Academy of Sciences and NCLIS should be careful not to duplicate their efforts. At present, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Library Association, and several other groups are sending to NCLIS staff a list of groups concerned with international activities in the area of library and information services. The information they are providing is to include names of organizations, a brief statement of the purpose, the name of a contact person, and a telephone number.

The Chairman asked whether the Planning Group had considered the six WHC resolutions which were adopted in the area of international relations. Mr. Trezza indicated that the members of the Planning Group were given copies not only of the resolutions but of the two publications issued in conjunction with the White House Conference, i.e., "Increasing International Cooperation, a Discussion Guide," and "International Information Exchange, A Theme Conference Summary." There was a discussion of the resolutions and a feeling of one member (Jean Lowrie) was that many of the resolutions drafted by the working groups at the White House Conference include ideas worthy of consideration even though they were not translated into and accepted as official resolutions. Kathleen Smith of the WHC staff indicated that these working group reports could be retrieved for the Planning Group's review.

#### Community Information and Referral Service

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Carlos Cuadra, that NCLIS establish a Task Force on Community Information and Referral Service for the period March 1980 through September 1981. The Task Force will be funded in an amount not to exceed \$8,200. Passed unanimously.



The Task Force will examine the appropriate roles for libraries in the provision of community information and referral service and define ways in which libraries can move toward the fulfillment of those roles. The Task Force will hold its initial meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 22 and its second meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, in Atlanta, Georgia. Members of the Community Information and Referral Service Task Force are: Carolyn Anthony, Baltimore County Public Library; Thomas Childers, Drexel University; Kay Collins, Denver Public Library; Robert Croneberger, Memphis-Shelby County Public Library and Information Center; Hardy Franklin, D.C. Public Library; Vincent Giuliano, Arthur D. Little, Inc.; Normal Maas, Detroit Public Library; Gerald Sophar, U.S. Department of Agriculture. NCLIS Commission Members serving are: Clara Jones, Carlos Cuadra, Joan Gross, and Mildred Younger. NCLIS staff serving are: Ruby O. Woods-Robinson, Staff Liaison, and Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar.

#### Committee on Library and Postal Services

On Monday, March 10, the Committee held its first meeting. Present for the Commission were: Charles Benton, Bessie Moore, Margaret Warden, Eileen Cooke, and Alphonse Trezza. Representing the Postal Service were: William Bolger, Postmaster General, Jane Kennedy, Arthur Williams, Harold Belcher, Edward McCaffrey, and F. X. Biglin.

The minutes of the first meeting of the Library and Postal Services Committee were reviewed and discussed. Margaret Warden, Bessie Moore, and Charles Benton expressed their pleasure at the progress accomplished at the first meeting. There will be some follow-up by the U.S. Postal Service on possible cooperation between them and state library agencies involved in books by mail, book mobiles, etc. Another interesting development was the discussion of the issuance of a stamp recognizing the contribution of libraries to the American scene. The Librarian of Congress met with the Postmaster General and suggested a stamp commemorating the new Madison Building. Eileen Cooke suggested a block of four stamps which could commemorate libraries reflecting both historical and current perspective.

As a matter of formality:

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Robert Burns, Jr., that NCLIS establish a Library and Postal Services Committee for the period March 1980 through October 1981. The Committee will be funded in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Passed unanimously.

#### National Periodicals System/Center

Mr. Trezza suggested that the Commission might wish to go on record as endorsing the Senate version of Part D of the Higher Education Act, Title II. This would reassure the library and information community that NCLIS is continuing to support the establishment of a National Periodicals System/Center.

The Senate version of the bill sets up a board for a National Periodicals System, calls for that board to undertake a design study to be completed by December 31, 1981, and authorizes limited funding (\$750,000) for each of three fiscal years. Mr. Trezza also suggested that the Commission, at the appropriate time, might want to suggest to the new board that someone representing the Commission serve as a member of the Advisory Committee to design the study. Mrs. Leith expressed her feeling that the Commission, at this time, should not endorse another study. After some discussion, the Commission decided not to take any new action feeling that the Commission's current policy statements in support of a National Periodicals System/Center were adequate.

#### Members of Congress/Commissioners' Meeting

Mr. Benton reported that he, Mrs. Moore, Ms. Gell, and Mrs. Reszetar met with Senator Pell and Congressman Brademas and their key staffs to present them with the Summary Report of the White House Conference. They were impressed with the structure of the report, Mr. Benton said.

Mr. Benton also reported that in discussing the possibility of holding regional hearings in regard to the National Library and Information Services Act, Mr. Brademas was enthusiastic but Senator Pell was more reserved. The Summary Report was also delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and to the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

#### Report on Visit to Indian Reservations

Mrs. Moore presented a brief report on the recent visits to various Indian reservations by her and Mrs. Reszetar. A full written report will be prepared by Mrs. Moore for distribution to all Members.

A two-day conference in Tempe, called by the Arizona State Library Agency, for Indian librarians or librarians serving the Indian people on or near reservations was held. The major issue is possible state support and/or service to libraries on reservations. Mrs. Moore reported, however, that some progress has been made because of NCLIS' interest and activities. Mrs. Moore reported that there were 50 participants at the conference. It was a "how-to" session for librarians. The workshop was well done; participation was excellent. It was felt that there was a very great need for this type of workshop, which was one of the first of its kind. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Reszetar were on the program.

Mr. Trezza suggested sometime ago, Mrs. Moore reported, that the Commission sponsor a meeting of the heads of state library agencies in states which include Indian reservations within their borders. We might want to reconsider this suggestion, she said. The need for consultant services and inservice training for their librarians working in libraries on Indian reservations is acute.

Mrs. Moore reported that she and Mrs. Reszetar also arranged to revisit some of the Indian reservations in the Albuquerque area which the Commission's Indian Library Committee had previously visited. The revisits were very well received, and there is much more support for libraries today than was the case a few years ago.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Reszetar also met with the Laguna, Acoma, Navajo, Santo Domingo, Cochiti, Mescalero Apache, Jicarilla Apache, and Zuni Tribes. A letter recently received from the Zuni Director, Division of Business Services, to Senator Schmidt, expressed how pleased he was that Federal officials are interested in helping the Pueblos improve public library services. The letter also urged that NCLIS work toward the development and the introduction of legislation that would support much needed library service on Indian reservations. The tribe would like to combine its library services with other services of the community and become somewhat of a model in the development of library services. Letters were received from other tribes expressing their appreciation to NCLIS for their sincere and continued interest in helping.

Mrs. Moore reiterated that she feels that what the states can or cannot provide in the way of library services is an area in which the NCLIS may eventually be able to provide input, perhaps by sponsoring a conference. "There needs to be more concentration on consultant service from the state library," Mrs. Moore said. Mr. Benton added that as a result of this activity, the Indian Omnibus Library Act is incorporated in Title IV of the proposed National Library and Information Services Act included in the WHC Summary Report. It is part of a larger library legislative initiative as opposed to being a separate piece of legislation. In the view of many, a separate piece of legislation for Indian library resources would have less chances of passing. Responsibility of implementing the title would be assigned to the Department of Interior.

Other items of information reported were: (1) Mrs. Mary Huffer, Director, Office of Library and Information Services, Department of Interior, recently retired; and (2) a new Council on Energy Resource Tribes has been established to help the Indians handle their affairs in regard to minerals and oil on their land.

Mr. Benton also informed the Members that as a part of consciousness-raising of the first American art--which is pottery--he and Mrs. Benton are exhibiting their pottery collection at five major museums around the country.

#### Fiscal Year 1981 Budget

To balance the fiscal year 1981 budget, the following changes were recommended:

	<u>Amount Remaining</u>
Delete IFLA Dues.....	0
Reduce Photocopy Study Funds by.....	\$20,000
Reduce Z39 Funds by.....	6,000
Reduce Ad Hoc Committee on Planning and Monitoring WHC Follow-Up Activities by.....	11,500
TOTAL REDUCTION.....	-\$31,500

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Horace Tate, that NCLIS adopt the recommended fiscal year 1981 budget changes. Passed unanimously.

### Executive Session

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Frances Naftalin, that NCLIS adopt the following statement:

The NCLIS met in Executive Session on March 20, 1980, to review staff requirements to support the future programs of the Commission.

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Mildred Younger, that the Commission hold an Executive Session to discuss leadership and internal management at its next meeting scheduled for Atlanta, Georgia, on June 5 and 6, 1980. Passed unanimously.

### NCLIS/Library of Congress Project

There was a brief discussion of the proposed NCLIS/Library of Congress study designed to examine the current status of cooperation among Federal libraries and between Federal libraries and non-Federal libraries. The role of Federal libraries in a nationwide network of library and information services is one of the eight objectives in the Commission's National Program Document. The proposed project is designed to work toward the implementation of that objective.

Ms. Carol Nemeyer, Associate Director of National Programs, Library of Congress, was invited by the Chairman to comment. She stated, "We at the Library of Congress will be very pleased to work with the National Commission and the Federal Library Committee on this project. It is an activity we have been wanting to undertake for years. If the position and the resources are made available, I can guarantee that the Library of Congress will support this project."

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Mildred Younger, that NCLIS approve a joint NCLIS/Library of Congress comprehensive study of existing governmental library resources and services around the country that would propose ways of improving coordination of Federal libraries and information resources and services to meet national and local needs. Further, that the Commission agrees to fund the study in the amount of \$136,000 (FY 1980 - \$55,000; FY 1981 - \$55,000; FY 1982 - \$26,000). The study will be conducted during the period July 1, 1980, to December 31, 1982. The motion was adopted with Horace Tate voting "nay."

Mr. Trezza commented on the importance of the proposed study and read the following statement:

Delegates to the recent White House Conference on Library and Information Services adopted a number of resolutions addressing the role of Federal libraries and information centers with a nationwide network. They strongly emphasized the important contributions Federal libraries and information centers could make and stressed the need to avoid overlapping and duplication of services and resources.

This is an extension of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in its National Program Document, "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action," for the planning, development and implementation of a cooperative nationwide information system.

The Federal Library Committee (FLC), established in 1965 with its secretariat in the Library of Congress, is responsible for the study and development of the Federal library structure and promotion of more effective Federal library service to the nation at large. In February 1972, the President, by Executive Order 11647, established Federal Regional Councils. In July 1973, the Executive Order was amended and broadened. The mission of the Councils are intergovernmental relations, interagency program coordination, and delivery of services. The Councils are the major interagency mechanism to insure that Federal information policies responsive to the concerns of state and local government are carried out. In response to the Executive Order, the Federal Library Committee expanded its membership to include representatives from the ten Federal Regional Councils.

In answer to the many expressions of need, especially the recommendations of the White House Conference, the Library of Congress and the National Commission have been exploring ways to realize the stated goals. As an initial step, the Library of Congress has invited me to join the Library staff to direct a joint LC/NCLIS comprehensive study of existing governmental library resources and services around the country and to propose ways to improve coordination of Federal libraries and information resources and services to meet national and local needs. I have accepted the invitation. The study, to be carried on within the framework of the Federal Library Committee, will begin on July 1, 1980, with recommendations due by December 31, 1981.

I intend to submit my resignation to the Commission. It would become effective on June 30, 1980.

By general agreement, the Commission accepted the statement of intent by the Executive Director to resign as of June 30, 1980, to conduct the NCLIS/Library of Congress joint study.

#### Search and Screening Committee

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Joan Gross, that a Search and Screening Committee be established to identify candidates for the position of NCLIS Executive Director. Further, that the Committee be composed of Bessie Moore, Chairman, Carlos Cuadra, Clara Jones, and Francis Keppel, with Mr. Benton serving ex officio. The motion was adopted with Horace Tate voting "nay."

The setting of criteria or guidelines for the final selection process was briefly discussed.

It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Carlos Cuadra, that the Commission approve necessary expenses incurred by the Search and Screening Committee. Further, that the Committee Chairman and Executive Director prepare a budget for the Committee. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.